

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL BICYCLE TASK FORCE

Tuesday, January 19, 1999
MAG Office Building, Suite 200 - Ocotillo Conference Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Patrick McDermott, Chandler, Chairman	Dan Cleavenger for Steve Hancock, Mesa
*Mark Mansfield, ADOT	Tracy Stevens, Peoria
Tami Ryall for Christopher Miller, Gilbert	John Siefert, Phoenix
Susan Bookspan, Glendale	Maureen Mageau-DeCindis, RPTA
*Larry Martinez, Goodyear	*Amy MacAulay, Scottsdale
Mike Cartsonis, Litchfield Park	Eric Iwersen, Tempe
Aaron Iverson, Maricopa County	

*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dawn Coomer, MAG	Paul Ward, MAG
John Farry, MAG	

1. Call to Order

Chairman Patrick McDermott called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

2. Approval of the December 15, 1998 Meeting Minutes

Eric Iwersen moved to approve the minutes of December 15, 1998. John Siefert seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

No members of the audience were present to address the Task Force.

4. Status Report on FYs 1999, 2000 and 2001 Federally Funded Bicycle Projects

Dawn Coomer provided a status report of federally funded bicycle projects. She noted that the Mesa project would bid in August, 1999 rather than July. John Siefert added that Phoenix would be able to proceed with the 1998 project although the cost was much higher than expected.

5. Review of Potential Federally-Funded Bicycle Projects for the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

MAG is currently reviewing potential projects to be funded with FY 2000-2004 MAG federal funds. Federal-aid project applications have been submitted and evaluated using the MAG congestion management and air quality rating system. A list of bicycle-related projects was provided as an agenda attachment, and the results of the Task Force rating system was faxed to members prior to the meeting. Dawn distributed the guidelines for programming transportation funds as approved by Regional Council, and explained how the Task Force rating system was applied to the projects. Since the number of activity centers accessed was unavailable, the mobility zone classifications from the Congestion Management System were used. In addition, the socioeconomic factor was slightly adjusted to incorporate existing data.

Susan Bookspan asked where her project was and, after Task Force discussion, realized it was submitted for enhancement funds. Paul Ward explained that there are two processes related to federal funding currently underway. An initial step is to close-out available federal funding for FY 1999. Another step is to program projects for the next update of the TIP. He noted that for the FY 1999 close-out, projects which could be advanced needed to be highlighted and discussed. The first priority for additional funds is to advance projects already programmed. Advancing projects is only likely if a DCR has been completed. In addition, the design portion of projects could be advanced as well. Paul added that accelerating the design portion of projects made these projects a higher priority during the close-out. He mentioned that the Task Force could prioritize projects by FY as well, and that this might be helpful for the TRC. John Farry added that unlike prior years, there was additional funds available in earlier years of the TIP. In addition, the design portion programmed for future years could be advanced to this FY. John explained that additional funds for CMAQ, the enhancement program and the TCSP program were in the President's proposed budget, which could increase authorized amounts by 20%.

The committee began by explaining possible ways to prioritize projects, and decided to simply rank projects and not divide them into different FYs at this time. The first priority was acceleration of the design portion of projects already programmed. These priorities are listed below.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost Estimate</u>	<u>Design Portion</u>
Fountain Hills - Shea Blvd: Saguaro Blvd to 144 th St	\$490,000	\$75,000
Glendale - 59 th Ave.:Olive St to Brown St	\$1,000,000	\$150,000
Glendale - Glendale Ave: 67 th to 115 th Ave	\$300,000	\$45,000
Mesa - Pennington Rd to Western Canal	\$75,000	\$10,000
Phoenix - 29 th Ave at Arizona Canal	\$500,000	\$75,000
Scottsdale - Oak St: Cross Cut Canal at 66 th St	\$240,000	\$36,000
Phoenix - 23 rd Ave at the Grand Canal	\$100,000	<u>\$35,000</u>
TOTAL FOR ALL PROJECTS		<u>\$431,000</u>

After discussion, the committee decided on rankings for other projects as well. These are listed below in priority order.

ID Number	Description
RPTFED-06	Bicycle Education Project FY 2000
RPTFED-07	Bicycle Education Project FY 2001
RPTFED-08	Bicycle Education Project FY 2002
RPTFED-09	Bicycle Education Project FY 2003
RPTFED-10	Bicycle Education Project FY 2004
PHX00-721	29 th Avenue at the Arizona Canal
PHXFED-05	I-17 at the Grand Canal
PHX01-806	23 RD Ave at Grand Canal
TMPFED-04	Rio Salado Pkwy: Mill Ave to Priest Ave
TMPFED-03	Rio Salado Pkwy: College Ave to Mill Ave
SCTFED-08	Thomas Rd at the Arizona Canal
PHXFED-04	Maryland Ave at I-17
PHXFED-01	43 rd Ave at the ACDC
PEOFED-03	New River: Northern Ave to Peoria Ave

ID Number	Description
GDYFED-01	Litchfield Rd: Indian School Rd to I-10
CHN03-901	Dobson Rd: Frye Rd to Western Canal
MESFED-01	Consolidated Canal: Lindsay Rd to Baseline Rd
CNHFED-15	Western Canal: Price Rd to Alma School Rd
CHNFED-14	Western Canal: Alma School Rd to Nevada St
CHNFED-12	Kyrene Canal: Kyrene Rd to 56 th St
MMAFED-09	Cotton Ln: MC-85 to Waddell Rd
MMAFED-38	Williams Field Rd: Val Vista Dr to Power Rd
MMAFED-36	Val Vista Rd: Riggs Rd to Williams Field Rd
MMAFED-32	Riggs Rd: Arizona Ave to Ellsworth Rd
CHNFED-09	Consolidated Canal: Ryan Rd to Riggs Rd
MMAFED-37	Waddell Rd: Cotton Ln to Dysart Rd
MMAFED-08	Beltline Rd: 51 st Ave to Maricopa Rd
GLBFED-04	Western, Consolidated and Eastern Canals
GLBFED-02	Consolidated Canal: Warner Rd to Ray Rd (Heritage Trail IV)
GLBFED-05	Western Canal: Gilbert Rd to Cooper Rd (Western Canal Phase II)
GLBFED-03	Consolidated Canal: Western Canal to Warner Rd (Heritage Trail III)
MMAFED-33	Riggs Rd: Maricopa Rd to I-10
GLNFED-01	Bell Rd at Skunk Creek
SCTFED-07	Shea Blvd: 136 th St to 142 nd St
MMAFED-13	Maricopa Rd: I-10 to Queen Creek Rd
MMAFED-34	Rio Verde: Forest Rd to Scottsdale City Limits
MMAFED-02	51 st Ave: Buckeye Rd to Beltline Rd
MMAFED-10	Ellsworth Rd: Riggs Rd to Germann Rd
MMAFED-15	Olive Ave: Cotton Ln to White Tanks Park Entrance
MMAFED-14	Northern Ave: Cotton Ln to Dysart Rd

ID Number	Description
MMAFED-11	Forest Rd: McDowell Rd to Rio Verde Dr
CHNFED-08	Install 20 bike lockers

The committee discussed the rankings. Aaron Iverson asked how the Air Quality score was determined. Mike Cartsonis noted that developing areas needed to receive funding for bicycle projects. Tami explained that the Transportation Review Committee was examining the idea of a higher match for more expensive projects. She asked if the list of projects should be reviewed to determine equity of distribution of projects by jurisdiction. The committee continued to discuss whether to change the proposed ranking and to distribute projects better in suburban areas. The committee noted that the Task Force needs to work with ADOT to improve bicycle links over freeways. John Siefert suggested creating a checklist for member agencies to use when developing facilities.

Aaron moved to accept the proposed rankings as discussed and forward them to the TRC for review. Maureen seconded the motion. Mike suggested amending the motion to address equity issues in ranking projects for future years. The committee discussed the proposed amendment, and determined that the issue was addressed in the ranking of projects. The motion passed with Glendale abstaining and Gilbert and Chandler voting against the motion.

6. Bicycle Plan Update

The 1999 Update of the MAG Regional Bicycle Plan has been completed. The update revises goals and objectives, changes evaluation criteria for project selection, enhances plan maps, updates the funding plan, and documents possible future planning activities. Dawn provided information of suggested changes submitted by committee members. Aaron Iverson asked if the implementation segments to be completed by the County could be added to the plan. Dawn requested this information be faxed or e-mailed as quickly as possible. Tracy Stevens also had some suggested changes, and agreed to fax them to Dawn. Other changes were discussed and integrated into the document.

Eric Iwersen suggested removing references to “casual cycling.” The committee agreed, and this change was made. Maureen Mageau-DeCindis moved to approve the 1999 Update of the MAG Regional Bicycle Plan with the changes as discussed by the committee. Eric Iwersen seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Items for Future Agendas

Discussion of this agenda item was deferred.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 1999 at 1:00 p.m.